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-- The stretch releasable adhesive strip described in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/308,937 (Bries et al.) has a lengthwise elongation at break of from about 50% to about 1200%. --

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Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) An adhesive tape for attaching plural objects to one another, said tape comprising a stretchable first backing layer having first and second major surfaces and first and second ends, a non-adhesive manually engageable tab portion at one of said first and second ends to facilitate stretching of said first backing layer, an adhesive surface over at least a portion of said first major surface of said first backing layer for bonding to a surface of an object, and a separable connector surface covering at least a portion of said second major surface of said first backing layer, wherein said first backing layer and said adhesive surface are stretchable together to effect progressive debonding of the adhesive surface from an object, after the adhesive surface is bonded to that object, by the application of a force to the first end of the first backing layer in a direction of extension of the first backing layer between its first and second ends and said separable connector surface possesses the ability to be connected, disconnected and reconnected to a cooperating connection surface without destruction of the separable connection surface and the adhesive tape.

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21. (amended) In combination, a first object, a second object, and an adhesive tape bonding said first and second objects to one another, said tape comprising a stretchable first backing layer having first and second major surfaces and first and second ends, a non-adhesive manually engageable tab portion at one of said first and second ends to facilitate stretching of said first backing layer, an adhesive surface over at least a portion of said first major surface of said first

backing layer bonded to a surface of said first object, and a separable connector surface covering at least a portion of said second major surface of said first backing layer, wherein said first backing layer and said adhesive surface are stretchable together to effect progressive debonding of the adhesive surface from said first object by the application of a force to the first end of the first backing layer in a direction of extension of the first backing layer between its first and second ends and said separable connector surface possesses the ability to be connected, disconnected and reconnected to a cooperating connection surface without destruction of the separable connection surface and the adhesive tape.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 41. (new) A stretch releasing adhesive tape with a refastenable connection for attaching plural objects to one another, comprising:

- (a) a stretchable first backing layer having first and second major surfaces and first and second ends, said first end including a non adhesive manually engageable tab portion to facilitate stretching of said first backing layer, said backing layer having a lengthwise elongation at break of from about 50% to about 1200%, said backing layer including an adhesive surface over at least a portion of said first major surface for bonding to a surface of an object; and
- (b) a separable connector surface covering at least a portion of said second major surface of said first backing layer, said separable connector surface possessing the ability to be connected, disconnected, and reconnected to a cooperating connection surface without destruction of the separable connection surface and the adhesive tape;

wherein said first backing layer and said adhesive surface are stretchable together to effect progressive debonding of the adhesive surface from an object, after the

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adhesive surface is bonded to that object, by the application of a force to the manually engageable tab portion in a direction of extension. --

-- 42. (new) A refastenable adhesive tape as defined in claim 41, wherein said first backing layer and said adhesive surface comprise:

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- (a) a backing layer having opposite major surfaces; and
 - (b) adhesive layers on at least a portion of said backing opposite major surfaces. --

-- 43. (new) A refastenable adhesive tape as defined in claim 41, wherein said first backing layer and said adhesive surface comprise a solid layer of pressure sensitive adhesive. --

-- 44. (new) A stretch releasing adhesive tape with a refastenable connection for attaching plural objects to one another, comprising:

- (a) a stretchable first backing layer having first and second major surfaces and first and second ends, said first end including a non adhesive manually engageable tab portion to facilitate stretching of said first backing layer, said backing layer including an adhesive surface over at least a portion of said first major surface for bonding to a surface of an object; and
- (b) a separable connector surface covering at least a portion of said second major surface of said first backing layer, said separable connector surface possessing the ability to be connected, disconnected, and reconnected to a cooperating connection surface without destruction of the separable connection surface and the adhesive tape;

wherein said first backing layer and said adhesive surface are stretchable together by the application of a force to the manually engageable tab portion in a direction of extension at an angle no greater than about 35° from the object without the backing layer rupturing prior to the removal of the tape from the object and without leaving substantial pressure-sensitive adhesive residue on the object to effect progressive debonding of the adhesive surface from an object. --

-- 45. (new) A stretch releasing adhesive tape with a refastenable connection for attaching plural objects to one another, comprising:

- (a) a stretchable first backing layer having first and second major surfaces and first and second ends, said first end including a non adhesive first manually engageable tab portion to facilitate stretching of said first backing layer, said first backing layer having a lengthwise elongation at break of from about 50% to about 1200%, said first backing layer including a first adhesive surface over at least a portion of said first major surface for bonding to a surface of an object;
- (b) a stretchable second backing layer having first and second major surfaces and first and second ends, said first end including a second non adhesive manually engageable tab portion to facilitate stretching of said second backing layer, said second backing layer having a lengthwise elongation at break of from about 50% to about 1200%, said second backing layer including a second adhesive surface over at least a portion of said first major surface for bonding to a surface of an object; and
- (c) a separable connector arranged between said first and said second backing layers possessing the ability to be connected, disconnected, and reconnected without destruction of said separable connector;